

the President stop passing the buck on education reform to our States and local communities.

Last week the House Committee on Rules held a hearing to consider the issue of unfunded mandates. As I have noted on several occasions on the House floor, the Bush administration's \$20 billion cut to the No Child Left Behind Act has created a massive unfunded Federal mandate. As the former superintendent of my State's public schools, I know firsthand that unfunded mandates will cause real pain at the local level.

I believe the Federal Government must live up to its obligation to fund education reform. It is simply wrong to pass a piece of legislation that says we are going to give you all that money to Leave No Child Left Behind and then leave the money behind, while still forcing schools to achieve new standards.

I have introduced legislation that requires full funding of the No Child Left Behind Act, and I urge my colleagues to join me in stopping the Federal practice of passing the buck to States and local communities.

#### HELP FROM UNEXPECTED PLACES

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the Bible asks the question, "From where does my help come from?" And sometimes help comes from unexpected places, like an anonymous civilian in Mosul who brought the sadistic sons of a dictator to justice yesterday; and like the words of a former President supporting the Bush administration's assertion that Saddam Hussein likely had weapons of mass destruction.

It was last night on CNN, former President Bill Clinton said, "When I left office, there was a substantial amount of biological and chemical material unaccounted for. That is, at the end of the first Gulf War we knew what he had. We knew what was destroyed in all the inspection processes. We bombed for 4 days in 1998, may have gotten it all, may have gotten half of it, may have gotten none of it, but we didn't know."

"So," President Clinton said, "I thought it was prudent for the President to go to the U.N."

And he went on to say, "If you don't cooperate, the penalty could be regime change, not just continued sanctions." So said former President Bill Clinton.

Thank you, President Clinton, for confirming what President Bush told America: Saddam Hussein had biological and chemical weapons and confronting him was prudent.

#### HADLEY? HARDLY!

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Steven Hadley, the Deputy National Security Advisor, tried to take the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Advisor off the biggest hook in town by accepting the blame for the President falsely claiming in the State of the Union that Iraq was trying to go nuclear.

Hadley says he had "forgotten" the previous memos from Director Tenet discounting an Iraq-Niger uranium connection and neglected to remove this information from the speech.

So the American people are being asked to believe that the bogus major cause of war against Iraq eliminating a nuclear threat was advanced because a lower-level functionary simply overlooked a memo from a higher functionary, and that the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Advisor were all blissfully unaware of the fact that false nuclear claims they were circulating about Iraq were simply the result of a memo misfiled by a national security clerk named Hadley.

Hadley? Hardly. Hadley? Hardly. Hadley? Hardly.

#### LOSS OF A HERO

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, the State of Texas lost a hero last week. Tex Schramm, the former Dallas Cowboys president and general manager, died at the age of 83.

Mr. Schramm's passion focused on the Dallas Cowboys, but he was always looking out for the entire NFL. He had ideas ranging from using the phrase "America's team" to letting officials correct calls through instant replay.

In 1991 he became the first team executive elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

His partnership with Coach Tom Landry produced 20 straight winning seasons, from 1966 to 1985, 18 playoff appearances, 13 division titles, five Super Bowl appearances, and two championships.

Tex Schramm was a significant force in the AFL-NFL merger in 1966; and he was the original chairman of the league's competition committee, a position he held from 1966 to 1988.

Instant replays and sideline radios in quarterback helmets were his ideas, but he also promoted the six-division, wild card playoff concept and will be forever remembered for introducing America to the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders.

To the man who left a hole in the Texas stadium roof so God could watch his team, Tex, I know you are watching too.

#### U.S. TRADE POLICIES ARE FAILING

Mr. DEFAZIO. Today Congress will vote on and approve so-called free

trade agreements with Singapore and Chile. We find our Nation sunk in the hole of a \$500 billion trade deficit, and Congress is going to get out the shovels and dig a little deeper.

Mr. Speaker, 251,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost so far this year, exported from the United States; 53,000 jobs in May alone. We have a record 136.1 trade deficit for the first 3 months on a track to \$550 billion trade deficit this year.

Our trade policies are failing our workers and our Nation and our future. And the response of this administration and this Congress is a collective yawn and a vote to continue down the same disastrous path. It is pathetic.

#### RECENT LEGISLATION CREATING LARGER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that a lot of our recent legislation will create even larger government programs. We face large deficits; yet we continue to spend, and I am concerned.

Recently we had several amendments here on the House floor to reduce spending by 1 percent across the board, yet they failed. We have increased spending on education, agricultural subsidies, and AIDS in Africa, and a tax rebate for those who do not pay taxes. Now, honest men will call this income redistribution. We also have a new prescription drug benefit close at hand.

If we continue to add new government programs, we will create even a bigger and bigger government. Instead, we should try to solve our problems with conservative and free market principles, that is, bring choice, competition, and personal responsibility to our legislative initiatives.

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#### AMERICAN NATIONAL DEBT

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, it has been 803 days since President Bush and the Republican Party embarked on their economic plan for our country. During that time the national debt has increased by \$1,082,452,325,550. According to the website for the Bureau of Public Debt at the U.S. Department of Treasury, yesterday at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, the Nation's outstanding debt was \$6,722,777,711,908. Furthermore, in fiscal year 2003, interest on our national debt, or the "debt tax," is \$277,768,492,816 through June 30, 2003.

#### IT IS TIME FOR ACTION ON MEDICARE REFORM

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 38th anniversary of Medicare.

Medicare has faithfully provided health care to nearly 40 million Americans. However, as Medicare nears its 40th year it is in a terrible crisis; a crisis of confidence, a crisis of finance, and a crisis of direction.

You see, Mr. Speaker, medical care is not the same today that it was 38 years ago. That is why I supported H.R. 1, legislation that will finally grant America's seniors the health care choice and prescription drug benefits that they have waited almost 4 decades to enjoy. It is time for action. I urge my colleagues to join with me in protecting, preserving, and enhancing Medicare.

#### HONORING DR. MICHAEL DEBAKEY

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Michael DeBakey is a friend of mine, a friend of the community. The renowned House surgeon is a cherished member of the Houston community, the State of Texas and this Nation. That is why I was so proud as a Texan to be able to carry legislation that would name the Houston Veterans Hospital in my Congressional district after this great American. In so doing, I sought the support of all of the members of the Texas delegation and carried the legislation in both the 107th and 108th Congress.

Lo and behold, everyone signed to be a co-sponsor except the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY. Although we asked on several occasions, his sponsorship did not occur. But yet I pursued because I believe that the honor was owed to Dr. DeBakey. I would think that Texans would be able to work together. But in the dark of night, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON), I understand, a colleague, offered a late night amendment in the VA-HUD bill without contacting our office, without talking to my constituents, without working in a collaborative effort.

I did not know to what level we would get in breaking collegiality in this body, but I believe it has gone to its lowest level. I pay tribute to Dr. DeBakey. I will continue to work to make sure this legislation is passed and signed, but I will not stand and have my constituents or the 18th Congressional District so disrespected by colleagues in this body. It is a shame and a disgrace to the way we have worked together on behalf of Texas.

To Dr. DeBakey, I salute you. We will get this legislation passed and it will be passed with the love, admiration and respect of the people of the 18th Congressional District, not with underhanded tactics to undermine indi-

viduals who are working on behalf of their constituents.

#### INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend India on its annual celebration of Independence Day on August 15, 1947. Happy 56th birthday, Republic of India, the world's largest democracy and friend of America, the world's oldest democracy.

On that day, India became a free nation modeling its constitution after our own. For nearly 56 years the people of India have faithfully adhered to democratic principles. During the Cold War we were not allied as closely as we should have been. However, times have changed now. India's economy is rapidly reforming and historic joint military exercises are taking place between our two great nations.

According to Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, trade between India and America soared 20 percent last year. Also, importantly, the Indian American community should be recognized for their leadership, entrepreneurship, family values and faith. Many Indian Americans left their homelands, immediately assimilated and have achieved great success in America. As cochair of the India Caucus I am so proud of this dynamic community in South Carolina and nationwide.

It is my sincerest hope that this new friendship between the United States and India blossoms into a solid, serious relationship between mutual allies.

In conclusion, God bless our troops.

#### PATRIOT ACT ABUSES

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, when the PATRIOT Act was enacted in the aftermath of September 11, civil rights advocates expressed great concern about the potential for abuse of the law by law enforcement officials. Unfortunately, many of their concerns were warranted.

The Inspector General recently delivered findings of a new government investigation to Congress. In it he states that his office acted on 34 credible PATRIOT Act violations in the first half of 2003 alone and that he received over 270 allegations of abuse.

The complaints are diverse. They range from an officer holding a loaded gun to the head of a detainee, to a prison guard ordering a Muslim inmate to remove his shirt so that the guards could use it to shine his shoes. These incidents are intolerable and they demand further review, and I commend the Inspector General for bringing them to our attention.

The PATRIOT Act was intended to enhance our homeland security, not to create an atmosphere of bigotry and abuse towards our immigrant communities.

While the safety of our citizens is paramount, we must take caution to find a balance that preserves our civil liberties on which our great Nation was founded.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and to honor all of the brave veterans who served in this conflict. On July 27, 1953, the Korean War Armistice Agreement took effect ending a 3-year war that was a crucial step in stopping the spread of communism and Soviet influence. U.S. troops, along with their allies, turned back North Korea's aggression and protected South Korea from falling into communist rule.

Today South Korea stands as a beacon, an economically prosperous republic, and a part of the world where stable democracies are not usually the norm.

We all know by reading the headlines that things are not so good just across the 38th Parallel.

Mr. Speaker, this Sunday marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. It is important that we be eternally grateful to the men and women who took part in this campaign, for without their sacrifices the fall of the Soviet Union may never have been possible.

#### WHEN DO WE GET THE INVESTIGATION

(Mr. MCDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the White House is beginning to sound more and more like Animal House, in that you have a bunch of adolescents over there and they keep running forward saying, I did it, I did it.

First it was Mr. Tenet and now we have Mr. Hadley. When are we going to get the truth? When are we going to have an investigation, not in secret, done by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, but out in the open. They did it in the British Parliament. They were not afraid of democracy there. But here we have to have everything secret. We need an investigation about who did it.

Where was Condoleezza Rice? This guy Hadley worked for her. Does she make the decisions or does he? I have not heard her stand up and say, well, if I had only put my hand up and said no, it would not have happened.